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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT WARNS OF ATTACK DURING U.S. ELECTION CAMPAIGN

1. LOCAL PAPERS JUNE 12 RAN AS LEAD STORY WARNING
BY PRESIDENT PAK THAT NORTH MAY ATTACK DURING U.S.
ELECTION CAMPAIGN. STORIES ARE BASED ON TELEPHONE
INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT PAK BY WASHINGTON STAR-NEWS
REPORTER IN U.S. WHICH WAS REPORTEDLY CARRIED IN JUNE 11
STAR-NEWS. DATE OF PHONE INTERVIEW NOT SPECIFIED.

2. AS REPORTED IN LOCAL PRESS PRESIDENT SAID THERE
IS GREAT DANGER THAT NORTH KOREA MAY ATTACK SOUTH
DURING 1976. U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN,
A TIME WHEN SPLITS IN U.S. PUBLIC OPINION CONCERNING
FOREIGN COMMITMENTS ARE LIKELY TO SURFACE. PRESIDENT
REPORTEDLY SAID HE HAD NO DOUBT THAT U.S. WILL HONOR
COMMITMENTS AS OFTEN REAFFIRMED. HOWEVER, HE SAID
DANGER IS NORTHERN MISCALCULATION OF U.S. RESOLVE AFTER
VIETNAM DEBACLE.

3. PRESIDENT REPORTEDLY SAID TUNNELS IN DMZ AND
MOVEMENTS OF MILITARY INSTALLATIONS ARE PROOF NORTH
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IS PREPARED FOR ATTACK. ALL OUT INVASION, HOWEVER,
WOULD NOT NECESSARY TAKE PLACE. RATHER NORTH MIGHT TRY
SURPRISE, CONCENTRATED ATTACK FOR LIMITED GAIN. THIS TYPE
SHORT-TERM WAR WOULD NOT REQUIRE AID FROM SOVIETS OR

CHINA.

4. SEVERAL INSTANCES OF SPECULATION THAT NORTH
MAY ATTACK DURING 1976 ELECTION CAMPAIGN HAVE
BEEN PICKED UP BY EMBOFF FROM ROKG OFFICIALS
DURING LAST FEW DAYS. RATIONAL HAS BEEN THAT U.S. ADMINISTRATION
WOULD BE ESPECIALLY RELUCTANT TO BECOME INVOLVED IN ASIAN
WAR DURING CAMPAIGN.
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